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20 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 20 February 1968

The Director asked whether the figures on Soviet strategic forces in today's Washington Post article by George Wilson are accurate and was informed by the DD/I that they are quite accurate and are apparently based on NIE and NIPP figures.

DD/I provided the Director a paper on Communist strategy based on the Danang document.

Godfrey noted that there has not been much change in the Vietnam military situation since yesterday, although this morning the Viet Cong appear to have re-entered Dalat.

D/ONE noted that State has requested an Estimate on security conditions in Ethiopia.

D/ONE reported that State is going to request an Estimate on the political and security prospects in Vietnam in the wake of the Tet offensive. The Director asked D/ONE to maintain close contact with Bill Bundy in connection with the preparation of this Estimate.

Carver noted that Ambassador Bunker has agreed to the creation of a watch center in the embassy.

DD/S&T reported that the field readout of the North Korean OXCART mission has revealed nothing unusual.

DD/P reported indications that the intellectuals and writers' protest movement in the USSR is getting up increased steam.

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DD/P drew attention to a report that the Viet Cong are recruiting in Cambodia and that the recruitment pitch focuses on participation in the all-out general offensive.

The Director, in referring to a recent Headquarters message to the field, noted that salient points are easily lost in verbose and redundant communications and urged that messages be clear and succinct.

The Director asked the DD/I to review Crane Brinton's testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Director asked the DD/I to review this afternoon's National Security Council agenda.

The Director drew attention to this week's Time cover article on the Soviet navy, which he thought was an informative, balanced presentation.

ACTION:

1. The Director asked [] to review DDCI's memorandum to Admiral Lowrance concerning the CRITIC reaction system to ensure that we are on the firmest possible ground.

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L. K. White

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